



## California Building Standards Commission

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### From The Executive Director



Mia Marvelli

Well, the heat is on... not a doubt about it... multiple triple digit days here in California's capital. Summer is definitely in full swing and so are the commission's rulemaking efforts. The commission is meeting twice this summer to consider rulemaking packages for the 2016

Intervening Code Adoption Cycle. At the June 20, 2017 California Building Standards Commission meeting, the commissioners considered and approved several proposed state agency rulemakings and readopted the emergency building standards previously approved at the January 27, 2017 meeting regarding Exterior Elevated Elements (EEE). Please see our update on the 2016 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle below, and for additional information about EEE emergency building standards see the article on page 2. The commission will meet again on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to consider numerous proposed rulemakings

for approval and adoption, including from the Division of the State Architect (DSA-SS and DSA-AC), Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM), Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD 1), and California Building Standards Commission (CBSC). The Division of the State Architect will be providing an update on its collaborative and outreach efforts to the disability access community relative to the development of accessibility building standards. Be sure you are receiving notices of our upcoming meetings and proposed rule-

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### 2016 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle

The 2016 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle is very close to concluding. In our spring newsletter, we reported that the Code Advisory Committee meetings had concluded at the end of March and the 45-day public comment periods were underway. The 45-day comment periods have now concluded and public comments were received by the state agencies. Several of the state agencies have gone out for 15-day public comment periods in order to incorporate nonsubstantial and/or sufficiently related changes in the proposed regulatory language. These rulemakings may be viewed at the CBSC website, [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov), by selecting 2016 Intervening Cycle (Supplement) under Fea-

tured Links.

The remainder of the proposed rulemakings will be considered at the commission's August 14-15 meeting. Please refer to the Meeting Notice and Agenda now posted on our website, at [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov), under the Calendars tab, then select CBSC Meetings.



CBSC staff preparing agenda binders.



## 2017 Commission Meetings

Meeting notices and agenda items are issued at least 15 days prior to each meeting.\*

**Jan. 27**

**April 11**

**June 20**

**Aug. 14-15**

**Oct. 17**

**Dec. 12**

Meeting location:  
California Victim  
Compensation  
Board  
400 R Street  
Sacramento, CA  
95811

\*Meeting dates are subject to change. Always verify the location address on meeting notices.



makings. Using the Contact Us link on our home webpage, [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov), you may add your name to the CBSC database to receive meeting notices, information bulletins, quarterly newsletters and more.

On a more personal note, I recently came across an article about an inspiring person whose interest lies in the realm of building codes acknowledging the effect these codes have upon the lives of everyone. The article is an autobiography by Steven Burger, Chief Building Official for the City of Folsom, and was published in the ICC newsletter available [here](#). The article reminded me of my mentors both pre-

sent and past that “inspire” me to be the best I can be, and to continue a legacy of “raising up, training and equipping” staff to excel and attain their personal best. I firmly believe it is every supervisor’s and manager’s responsibility as a leader to inspire and coach staff to improve themselves and to help them see their potential.

  
Mia Marvelli



## Exterior Elevated Elements

At the June 20 commission meeting, the emergency building standards for Exterior Elevated Elements (EEE) were re-adopted. The EEE emergency building standards were initially approved by the commission at its January 27, 2017 meeting and became effective on January 30, 2017, upon filing with the Secretary of State and remain in place for 180 days. The re-adoption of these emergency building standards by the commission extends the approval for an additional 90 days. CBSC issued [Building Standards Information Bulletin 17-01](#) on February 2, bringing attention to the approval of these emergency building standards. Additionally, the information bulletin included the emergency building standard language proposed by CBSC, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Supplements to Parts 2 and 10 (blue pages) for insertion into the 2016 edition of Title 24 also have been issued by the code

publisher. If you own these parts of Title 24 and have registered them with the appropriate publisher, you should be receiving supplements and errata. If not, see our website, [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov), and select the Publications tab for guidebooks and other resources addressing maintaining your Title 24. Supplements and errata also are available on the CBSC website, at [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov), under the Codes tab, then selecting 2016 Triennial Edition.

CBSC created an [Exterior Elevated Elements \(EEE\) Subcommittee - Resources](#) webpage on its website. This webpage provides a brief history of the origin of need for the emergency building standards, including the formation of a commissioner-staffed subcommittee and subsequent legislation. The webpage also provides chronological information regarding the development of EEE emergency building standards. Please refer to the EEE webpage regularly for updates and information.

## Legislative Update

CBSC tracks legislative bills of interest that may address issues related to the general design and/or construction of buildings within the state or that may directly address CBSC’s authority and/or its administrative procedures. For a list of currently active bills that CBSC is monitoring, [click here](#).

## Did you attend the Green California Summit and Exposition?



**CALGreen**



Top Row: CBSC presenters at the educational workshops. Left: Mia Marvelli, Executive Director; Left Middle: Enrique Rodriguez, Associate Construction Analyst; Right Middle: Michael Nearman, Deputy Executive Director; Right: in the Expo booth, former CBSC Associate Governmental Program Analyst Cynthia Biedermann (seated), and Yara Farr-Ohanian, Architectural Associate. Bottom Left: Gary Fabian, Associate Architect.

## Education and Outreach



At the June 2, ICC TriChapter meeting in Santa Cruz, CBSC Executive Director Mia Marvelli provided a report on the Building Standards Commission, including information on current code adoption and enforcement, Intervening Code Cycle, and resources for the code officials. Also in attendance was Ida Clair of DSA, Greg Anderson of SFM and Shawn Huff of HCD.



At CBSC's office on June 28, Tim McClintock with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provided an overview of the 2017 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code for code proposing state agency staff (HCD, DSA, OSHPD and CALFIRE).



The NorCal Permit Tech Committee held a meeting on July 11 at the City of Folsom Community Development Building Department. CBSC Executive Director Mia Marvelli presented an overview of Title 24 supplements and errata and matrix adoption tables including, what they are, why they exist and how to use them.



## Training & Member Forum Roadshow stops in Sacramento

On July 17, the International Code Council (ICC) Board of Directors hosted the third stop of ICC's Training & Member Forum Roadshow in Sacramento. CBSC Executive Director Mia Marvelli opened the event by welcoming everyone to Sacramento and thanked ICC for providing this very valuable training. The event addressed topics of particular interest to California building and code professionals who are interested in deepening their knowledge of the 2016 California Building Standards Code, Title 24. The seminar topics were Tiny Houses, Marijuana Facilities in California and Mass Timber in the 2016 California Building Code. CBSC staff Kevin Day, Yara Farr and Brandon Estes attended these seminars.



Dave Walls of ICC and CBSC Executive Director Mia Marvelli

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1. A supplement (blue page) for insertion in Title 24 is the result of a CBSC:
  - A. Approved addition, amendment or repeal of building standards to an existing part of Title 24
  - B. Change without regulatory effect (CWoRE) approved by the commission
  - C. Emergency building standard approved by the commission and filed with the Secretary of State
  - D. All of the above conditions
2. CBSC recommends the following practice for maintaining Title 24:
  - A. Read and follow the Revision Record instructions provided with each issued supplement or errata
  - B. Place the cover sheet of an issued supplement or errata on top of the removed superseded pages and staple or clip these pages together as a set
  - C. Place the sets (of cover sheets with the removed pages) in the back of the code binder with the most recent on top
  - D. Place the history page in the back of the code binder on top of the cover sheets and superseded page sets, with the most recent history page on top
  - E. All of the above
3. The last page of an issued supplement or errata provides the sequential history for the affected part(s) of Title 24 and must be maintained with your copy of Title 24. Among information provided in the History Note Appendix is:
  - A. The names of the commissioners adopting the building standard(s)
  - B. The date of the commission meeting
  - C. The effective date of the supplement or errata
  - D. The authority and reference statutes under which the building standards were adopted or approved
  - E. All of the above
4. Supplements and errata may be obtained in the following manner:
  - A. Complete and mail the registration card that is provided in each Title 24 binder upon purchase
  - B. Access the supplements and errata at the appropriate publisher's website
  - C. Go to the CBSC website, at [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov), and click on the Codes tab, then click on the current edition of Title 24
  - D. Call CBSC at (916) 263-0916 or email [cbssc@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:cbssc@dgs.ca.gov) for assistance
  - E. All of the above
5. The [BSC] amendments to Parts 2 and 10 of Title 24 (California Building Code and California Existing Building Code, respectively) regarding Exterior Elevated Elements (EEE) only apply to state buildings where no state agency has authority to adopt building standards.

How does a local jurisdiction ensure that the EEE provisions lawfully apply to all other occupancies for which no state agency has authority to adopt or approve building standards?

- A. No action is required because the provisions appear in the applicable parts of Title 24
- B. Adopt the amended code sections through its ordinance process and file the approved ordinance with CBSC
- C. As a maintenance requirement, only the provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code apply
- D. None of the above are correct

How did you do? Find out more about supplements, errata and code book maintenance in CBSC's [Guide to Title 24](#) available at our website, [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov), then select the Publications tab.

If you found the question about EEE a bit difficult, you're not alone. This subject is discussed in our [Building Standards Information Bulletin 17-01](#) issued February 2, 2017.